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1. The LSM (Ljudsko Solska Nladina - Organization of Slovene University Students), which controls all university students, is a part of the LMS (Slovene People's Youth Movement). University students are compelled to join the LSM in order to attend universities.

2. The LSM is constructed as follows:

- a. The LSM executive committee, consisting entirely of members of the SKOJ and the Slovene Communist Party, receives orders from the central committee of the LMS. (Prospective members of SKOJ with university background can be accepted as full members only upon recommendation of the LSM executive committee. Examinations for SKOJ membership consist entirely of an examination on the history of the Russian Communist Party.)

The LSM executive committee maintains a secretariat and is composed of the following sections:

1. Culture and politics
2. Propaganda
3. Physical culture
4. Sociology
5. Statistics

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- b. The secretariat, which is in charge of the statistics section, keeps a "secret" file on each LSM member concerning his political activities and reliability. Furthermore, an "open" file is kept on each member concerning his progress at the university and particular talents demonstrated. If a student does not comply with study requirements, he is liable to expulsion from the LSM and, as a consequence, is automatically dropped from the university.
- c. The LSM secretariat in Ljubljana, since January 1948, has been organizing student gatherings within clubs and "circles" during which the following topics were discussed:

1. The falsifiers of history.
2. Standardization of prices.
3. History of the all-Russian Communist Party.

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4. Stalin's basic principles of Leninism.
 5. Feuerbach and the end of German classic philosophy.
 6. Espionage trials in Yugoslavia.
 7. Family, private property, and State.
3. Each university is represented by LSM clubs and each club is represented by so-called "Krozek" (circles) for the various university faculties. Students attending the LSM lectures have to enter debates which are lead by a student appointed by the LSM committee. It is the student's responsibility to develop the debate according to Communist principles.
4. The situation of university students who depend on State stipends is especially complicated. They are forced to join all youth activities arranged by LMS, through LSM, and have to offer themselves on Sundays and holidays for "voluntary" work. They also have to be present during all official mass meetings. After successful termination of their studies they have to accept a six-year employment contract with the State. If a student does not comply with these requirements, he has to refund his entire total stipend, plus 3,500 dinars per month for all the time he attended the university.
5. All students with such Government stipends in Ljubljana live in the students home at No. 22 Kolodvorska ulica, formerly the Hotel Triglav. All students with stipends released from military service to continue their studies, live at the Hotel Strukelj on Kalmatinova ulica.
6. The LMS plenary sessions are attended by all members of the LMS central committee, as well as two or at most three delegates of each LSM club in Slovenia. Plenary sessions are held three or four times a year, allegedly to lead the students to believe in the "democratic institutions of present-day Yugoslavia". During these sessions, rectifications of the LSM programs are discussed, as well as difficulties to be eliminated. Actually, the program and directives for LSM are issued by the Yugoslav communist youth program, through the LMS central committee which, as already mentioned, is entirely composed of members of the SKOJ. Elections of the LSM committee, its clubs and circles, are supposedly secret and carried through along the principles of parliamentary elections. The right to vote, however, is given only to students who have no record of disciplinary action on the part of LMS. Furthermore, candidates are selected by the LMS central committee previous to elections and, thus, the students may choose only from selected personnel. Committee candidates always have to be members of the SKOJ, or at least SKOJ prospects.
7. Personnel:
- a. General secretary of LSM: Sasa (last name unknown) member of SKOJ, holds the rank of lieutenant, and is a stipendiary student.

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- c. The following university professors at the University of Ljubljana are considered ardent communists:

Dr. Melik, Anton, rector of Ljubljana University and professor of history.

Dr. Perpar, Marija, professor of history, specializing in history of the all-Russian Communist Party.

Skerlak, Tibor, professor of dialectic philosophy and materialism.

- d. University professors at the University of Ljubljana considered anti-communists:

Dr. Weber, Franc, professor of philosophy (not teaching at present).

Dr. Samec, Maks, professor of chemistry, at present attached to the academy of arts and sciences but not allowed to teach.

Secer, Lojze, professor of biology.

Zega, Mirko, assistant to Professor Guzelj (faculty unspecified).

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